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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 28, 2005**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2005, for which the three-month date for response was October 28, 2005. A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is also enclosed herewith. This one-month extension will bring the due date to November 28, 2005, which is within the six-month statutory period. Please deduct the \$120.00 fee for extension from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/**11362.0001.000000**.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.